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FM AMEMBASSY VALLETTA

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INFO AMEMBASSY TRIPOLI

C O N F I D E N T I A L VALLETTA 0668

E. O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: EIND, MT

SUBJ: WESTINGHOUSE

REF: STATE 61045

1. WE PASSED INFORMATION PARA 1 REFTEL TO PRIME MINISTER'S SECRETARY JOE CAMILLERI APRIL 4. CAMILLERI THANKED US AND SAID HE WOULD CONVEY TO MINTOFF.

2. WE ARE DISTURBED, HOWEVER, BY INFORMATION PROVIDED PARA 2 REFTEL TO EFFECT THAT WESTINGHOUSE NOT REPEAT NOT NOW FAVORABLY INCLINED TOWARDS SALE OF MALTA PLANT AND THAT COMPONENTS OF PLANT HAVE ALREADY BEEN DISPOSED OF PIECEMEAL. WHILE WE REALIZE THAT PROSPECTS FOR SALE TO LIBYA ARE DIM, WE CERTAINLY HAD NO KNOWLEDGE THAT WESTINGHOUSE WAS ALREADY IN PROCESS OF DISPOSING OF PARTS OF PLANT.

3. MINTOFF INFORMED US OF HIS LIBYAN INITIATIVE JANUARY 5 (VALLETTA 0038) AND ON FEBRUARY 9 WE WERE INFORMED THAT WESTINGHOUSE STILL HAD STRONG PREFERENCE FOR SETTLEMENT OUT OF COURT. WE REGRET THAT WESTINGHOUSE DID NOT SEE FIT TO INFORM US THAT THEY WERE PROCEEDING TO DISPOSE OF PLANT AT AN EARLIER DATE. SHOULD ANYTHING DEVELOP
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WITH LIBYA, AND WESTINGHOUSE THEN ADMITTED PROJECT WOULD
" HAVE TO START ALMOST FROM SCRATCH" THIS WOULD PLACE US IN VERY
AWKWARD POSITION WITH MINTOFF. WHILE WE APPRECIATE THAT
WESTINGHOUSE MUST TAKE SUCH STEPS AS THEY BELIEVE NECESSARY
TO RECOVER AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE OF THEIR INVESTMENT, LEAST THEY
CAN DO IS TO KEEP US INFORMED IN VIEW OF CONSIDERABLE ASSISTANCE
WE HAVE PROVIDED TO COMPANY.

4. WE HOPE THAT DEPARTMENT CAN IMPRESS WESTINGHOUSE WITH
NEED TO KEEP US BETTER INFORMED IN FUTURE. GETZ

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